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TYPE OF CASE: Protective Research
STATUS: Closed Los Angeles
TITLE OR CAPTION: Lee Harvey Oswald
INVESTIGATION MADE AT: [illegible] California
PERIOD COVERED: 8/2[illegible]/[illegible]
INVESTIGATION MADE BY: SA's [illegible] Fehl and Frank D. Slocum

SYNOPSIS

Sam O. Sprager located visiting relatives in Madison, Wisconsin and from there going to Takoma Park, Maryland to visit his son. Investigation developed that Sprager was in a hospital in Russia the latter part of September to October 2, 1959, indicating that he was not in the hospital in Russia during the same period that Lee Harvey Oswald was confined there.

[illegible] INVESTIGATION

This [illegible] originated when Inspector Thomas Kelley, Washington, telephoned SAIC [illegible] on August 21, 1964 and requested that S.O. Sprager, 506 Palisades Beach Road, Santa Monica, California, be interviewed to ascertain if he was confined in Botkinskaya Hospital in Moscow the same time that Lee Harvey Oswald during the period October 21 to 28, 1959.

With SA Fehl, proceeded to 506 Palisades Beach Road, Santa Monica and [illegible] Mrs. Evelyn Sprager, wife of Sam O. Sprager. She advised that her husband was visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William K. Hachten, 2130 Chamberlain Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin, telephone CE 3-2482, and [illegible] day, August 25, 1964 he was flying to Maryland to visit his son [illegible] of the U. S. Information Agency. Address of their son is [illegible], 600 Fairview, Takoma Park, Maryland, telephone 434-4710.

[illegible] Sprager stated that she accompanied her husband on the trip to Russia in 1959 and produced an itinerary to show that they arrived in Russia on September [illegible], 1959 and a stamp on their passport, number 1647418, shows that they arrived back in the United States on October [illegible], 1959, which was prior to the time that Lee Harvey Oswald was a patient in the hospital. [illegible] stated that they were only in Russia a few days when her husband became ill with the flu and he was taken to the hospital. There she visited him daily.

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She could not identify a [illegible] the only other American that she [illegible] from [illegible] New York, who was in the [illegible] Later her husband received a letter from [illegible] believed that she could find [illegible] explained that unfortunately her [illegible] the files were out of order and it would take her [illegible] letter. She also stated that her husband was a civil engineer, [illegible] age, and that he had suffered a slight [illegible].

She stated that she had planned to call her husband in [illegible] and stated that if we wished to remain for one half [illegible] husband if he recalled the name of the American who wrote [illegible] or Americans he may have met in the hospital. Since it was [illegible] p.m. [illegible] and at 6 p.m. Mrs. Sprager telephoned her husband in Wisconsin. [illegible] could not recall the names of any Americans [illegible] but he met other than [illegible] a hyphenated name who wrote him after [illegible] stated that he would search his memory and he was advised that [illegible] would be personally contacted by agents of this Service either in [illegible] in Maryland. He confirmed the fact that he would be in [illegible] Park, Maryland on Tuesday, August 25, 1964 visiting his son.

Mrs. Sprager also advised that she had met an American girl named Jane Schoenfeld while traveling to the hospital on the subway. This girl seemed to know all the Americans living in Moscow and she was a [illegible] of the [illegible] and spoke Russian fluently. Later she returned to the United States where she married a man named [illegible] Romanoff and is now [illegible] to be living [illegible] in San Francisco. Mrs. Sprager did not have her address, but did have the address of her parents as 177 East 77th Street, New York.

On the evening of Friday, August 21, 1964, Mrs. Sprager telephoned me at my home and advised that she had located a letter written from [illegible] on October 8, 1959 and a postcard written from the hospital on October [illegible] from Waldemar Boris Kara-Patnitzky, who was the elderly American her husband had met. The letter and card just stated that he was still in the hospital and progressing. The letterhead of the letter had the address of [illegible] Street, New York 25, telephone AC 2-[illegible].

DISPOSITION

All information developed was relayed [illegible] on the evening of August 21, 1964 to Inspector Thomas Kelley at his home.

Case closed Los Angeles.